## **Security Reminder for the Fourth of July**

As the Fourth of July approaches, the U.S. Embassy in Baku is issuing a general security reminder for all U.S. citizens to help ensure celebrations are safe and successful.

The Department of State remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests overseas. We encourage U.S. citizens to familiarize themselves with the <u>World Wide Caution</u> updated January 9, 2015. Americans are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement and the U.S. Embassy.

We recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Azerbaijan enroll in the <u>Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you do not have Internet access, you can enroll directly with the U.S. Embassy. We encourage you to follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. You can also download our free Smart Traveler app, available through the <u>iTunes</u> store and the <u>Google Play</u> store, for travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Baku is located at 111 Azadliq Prospekt, tel. (994 12) 488-3300. The Consular Section is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5.30 p.m., with time reserved for U. S. citizen services from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday, except for official U.S. Embassy holidays. For more information, see the <a href="Embassy's website">Embassy's website</a>. For after-hour emergencies, please call (994 50) 221-3643.